10-20-71

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Dear Larry,

Harold Weisberg has sent me a copy of the letter you sent him recently (10-11-71) regarding Radio TVReports. I would like to set down here some of my reactions to that.

First, let me say, as Harold has probably told you, I was with Radio TV Reports for a long time, including in Chicago, and there is very little that I do not know about that company's operations during the time I was there. In addition, I still maintain contact with several people who work for RTVR, and can information about what they're into now whenever I choose. As Harold may also have told you, I put together a substantial amount of interesting material on the fim's clients while I worked there. Thru the years Harold and I have often discussed and debated possible release of this material, but have never found the right occassion. I do hope that Harold has not prematurely released any of this material to you, because I am not entirely convinced that your approach this matter is the right one -- neither am I convinced that youx are motivated by a sincere desire to investigate and/or expose something that needs to be investigated or exposed. I'll tell you why:

In the first paragraph of your letter you talk about the location of the RTVR office, in Evanston, down the street from where John O'Brien worked. This is the most spurious and amateurish tactic practiced by people like Sherman Skolnick, who want to create an aura of espionage and intrigue where there is none. Becausd the Midwest Committee for Draft Counselling used to be located on Michigan Avenue across from the Chicago Tribune must we now conclude that they were an arm of the Tribune? Or perhaps they were an arm of the Wrigley Company since they were a few doors down the street from the Wrigley Building. In fact, I was in the Radio TV Reports office on Howard Street shortly after they moved in there -- it was at the same time the O'Brien story came to light -- in other words, while O'Brien was plying his trade they were not located there at all. I could even tell you the reasons they moved to that location, but I won't take up my time and yours. In the same paragraph you say you will "scout" the building -- what does that mean? I hope you don't think you have to creep about in the night -- it's a public building and anyone can walk into it, copy down who else is in the building, and even walk into the RTVR office.

I would like to know a few things from you and then I'll let you know whether I'd be interested in working with or helping you in any way on this. What first interested you in RTVR? What do you think you can find about them that will make it worth the time and effort? Sincex you work for the Chicago Daily News why haven't you done the obvious and called the RTVR office manager and asked for an interview? What do you expect to do with any material you might develop and what do you expect to gain from it? Aren't there more pressing and serious things to investigate in Chicago?

Look forward to hearing from you. For the time being you can write to me at this address: Russ Trunzo, c/o Stiver, 255 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. 4-C, New York, N.Y. 10014.

10-19-71

Dear Harold,

Your letter was forwarded to me here in New York and I got it today. I'll be here for the next three or four weeks, and probably after that will be not too far from you for about five weeks, so I'll probably get a chance to see you if you have some time free. For the next couple weeks, then, you can write me ~~xx~~ c/o Stiver, 255 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. 4-C, New York 10014.

Frankly, I was very turned off by the tone of the note from your friend Larry Finley. It sounded to me too much like Skolnick. I'll be writing to Finley tomorrow and will send you a copy. I've been in touch with people at RTVR and could still get info from them now that I'm here, but I'm not going to do it for less than serious reasons. I would also like to know what of the material I gave you on RTVR you may have discussed with Finley and whether you gave him copies of any of that material.

The way things look now, I'll be here in New York (working at some temporary jobs) until the 12th of November, at which time I'm going to Fredericksburg, Va. to take an FCC 1st Class License course, which ends late in December.

Guess that's all for now -- say hello to Lil for me.

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